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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Official Action dated November 21, 2006, we offer the following submission.

35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 5

Claim 5 stands rejected as obvious in light of the disclosure in US 6,347,864 to Silverbrook et al in view of US 6,488,368 to Petersen et al. The Applicant disagrees and submits that this rejection has been raised in error.

The combined disclosure of the citations does not teach all the elements of claim 5. Claim 5 defines a cartridge that has a pagewidth printhead and a fluid communication between the ink reservoirs and the corresponding nozzles of the printhead. The removable cartridge shown in '864 does not have a pagewidth printhead. The cartridge 504 has a roll of media 542, the ink reservoirs 548 and a set of de-curl rollers 536. The pagewidth printhead 516 is part of the printhead sub-assembly 508 which remains fixed within the camera or other electronic device using a printer of this kind.

Claim 5 requires the cartridge to have a fluid communication between the printhead and the printing fluid reservoirs. It follows from the above, that the '864 cartridge 504 does not provide the fluid communication. Instead it is the printhead sub-assembly 508.

The Petersen printer does not show a cartridge with refill ports. Petersen has a manifold that fluidically and mechanically separates the printheads 16 from the ink cartridges 12. This allows the user to vary the printhead types, spacing, ordering and number. The number and type of ink cartridges can also be varied. Installation of the cartridges does not force the printheads out of proper alignment because they bear against the manifold and not the printheads themselves. However, there is no provision for the ink containers 12 to be individually refilled.

The present invention is limited to a cartridge with a pagewidth printhead and printing fluid reservoirs that can be individually replenished with refills. These elements of claim 5 are clearly lacking in both the cited references. Accordingly, they fail to support a §103 rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

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